

Office of the Mayor and the City Council

The Honorable David Dreier United States House of Representatives 233 Cannon House office Building Washington, DC 20515-0526

Re: FY10 Appropriations request

Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the City of Monrovia, I would like to respectfully request that you consider our FY10 appropriations request of \$3,000,000 to acquire, relocate, and develop properties within the Station Square Transit Village bus layover/ park and ride project. The Station Square Transit Village project is critical for bus service and carpoolers along the well traveled I-210 and I-605 freeways. These funds will be used to acquire property for the bus layover facility, prepare plans for its construction, and also provide adequate pedestrian access to the site. The overall project will allow for bus parking and layover, as well as approximately 205 parking spaces.

The City of Monrovia is excited by the proposed Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension and is making a strong commitment by planning a significant mixed-use development where the Monrovia Gold Line station is to be located. Monrovia's Station Square Transit Village development is the most ambitious project in Monrovia in decades, and will ultimately cover 80 acres-- including a park-and-ride transit center, more than 1,000 new residential units, neighborhood retail establishments, offices and public spaces. The proposed bus layover will greatly benefit the overall utility of the site.

Ultimately, the strategy of aligning the future redevelopment of this portion of South Myrtle Avenue as a multimodal transportation hub will improve the efficiency of the City's-- and region's-- transportation system by shifting travel from automobiles to other transportation modes. This development will address the increasing need for affordable housing in the region, as well as, assist in the reduction of the San Gabriel Valley's carbon footprint. Additionally, the cultivation of projects that activate street life, improve the quality of public spaces, improve safety, and provide convenient, working connections between residential, commercial and public uses and transit, will yield long lasting value to the community overall.

Thank you for all your support of the cities in the 26th district.

Sincerely,

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